Jason Vogelpohl, Esq., Bar # 252407 Central Coast Bankruptcy, Inc. 2 532 Pajaro Street Salinas, CA 93901 831.783.0260 - Telephone 831.585.1024 – Facsimile 4 5 Attorney for Debtor(s) 6 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT 7 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 8 In re: Case No. 19-51427 10 Chapter 13 MANZANARES, Efrain 11 **DECLARATION OF DEBTOR IN** MANZANARES, Nora SUPPORT OF MOTION TO EXTEND 12 **AUTOMATIC STAY** 13 Debtor(s) 14 15 16 We, Efrain and Nora Manzanares, say and declare: 17 1. We are the debtors herein. We make this declaration in support of our Motion to Extend 18 Automatic Stay. We know the matters stated herein of our own knowledge, and would be 19 competent to testify thereto if called as witnesses. 20 2. We filed our latest Chapter 13 case on July 17, 2019. This motion is brought within 30 days 21 of that date. 23 3. We are the debtors in one prior Chapter 13 case; it was dismissed on April 29, 2019. Our 24 prior case, case number 18-50925 dated April 26, 2018 was dismissed for failure to make our 25 ongoing mortgage payments and provide evidence that payments had been remitted. 26 27 28

## 4. Previous circumstances.

- a. We filed our first case on April 26, 2018 in order to prevent foreclosure of our home. We were no longer able to afford our monthly payments to our creditors and at the same time keep up with our household expenses as I, Nora Manzanares, suffered a stroke and became unable to work.
- b. For the most part, we were able to make our monthly payments to the Trustee as well as our mortgage lender. Unfortunately several months into the pendency of our case I, Efrain Manzanares had a reduction in work hours. As a result, we fell behind on our mortgage payments and were now in default under the terms of our Chapter 13 Plan in that we could not submit our Declaration of Direct Payment. I tried to obtain a loan from my retirement account in order to make my mortgage payments and provide evidence that payments had been made in order to file my declaration however obtaining the loan became a lengthy process and as a result our case was dismissed.
- c. We are now re-filing our Chapter 13 bankruptcy case, mainly because we remain unable to repay all of our debt. Moreover, we hope to prevent foreclosure of our home and gain relief from all of our unsecured creditors. We are certain that this case will be successful because we have made various adjustments to our budget in order to keep up with all of our expenses and be financially stable. Our Chapter 13 Trustee payment now includes our monthly mortgage payment so that we will not need to worry about providing quarterly declarations. If need be, I will also look for a second job to make sure I receive sufficient funds to fund our Chapter 13 Plan.

## 5. <u>Subsequent history</u>

- a. It is vitally important for us to continue with this Chapter 13 case. Without this bankruptcy it would be impossible for us to pay all of our unsecured debts and, at the same time, keep up with our household expenses and catch up on our mortgage.
- b. I, Efrain Manzanares, am employed by Mann Packing and gross an average of \$4,907.40 per month. I will manage our finances and cut back on our expenses in order to help provide for our Chapter 13 Plan payment. Our income is reliable and we will be able to make our Chapter 13 Trustee payments as well as meet our monthly household expenses.

We declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of our knowledge, information and belief, and this declaration is executed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2019, in Salinas, California.

/s/Efrain Manzanares	
Debtor	
/s/Nora Manzanares	
Debtor	